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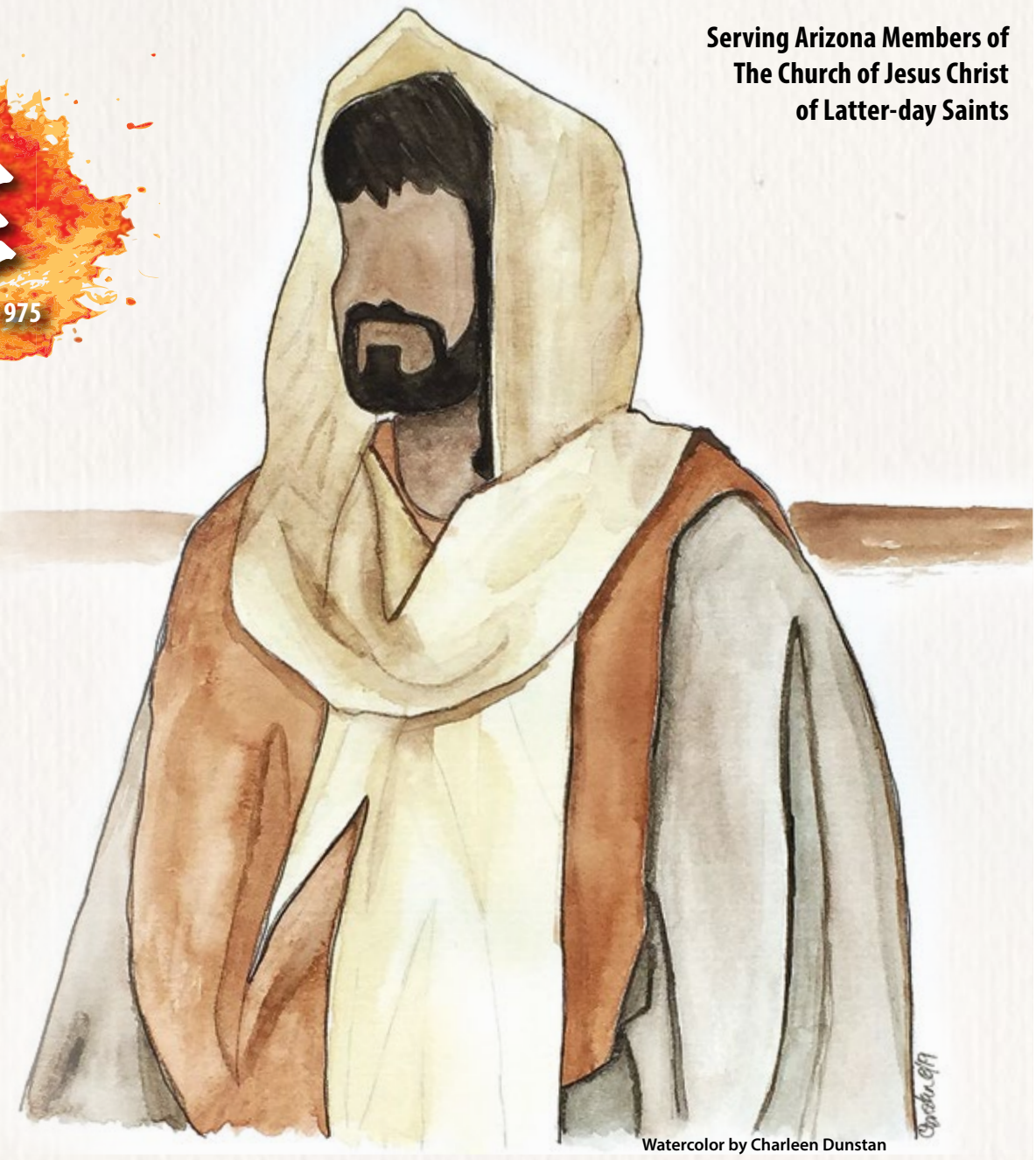

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Practical Dreamers

Husband & Wife Team Dream Up Faith-Based Blog, Lesson Helps

By Merry Gordon

Photo courtesy Charleen Dunstan

Adam and Charleen Dunstan are the Practical Dreamers, Latter-day Saint bloggers who produce resources to help members with the new *Come, Follow Me* program.

He's an idealistic professor of anthropology. She's a pragmatic former English teacher turned stay-at-home mom.

But together, Adam and Charleen Dunstan are the Practical Dreamers, bloggers who tackle faith, family, social commentary, wellness/recovery, and entertainment.

In part, the couple call themselves the Practical Dreamers to reflect their personalities.

"I was thinking 'homely curmudgeon and his brilliant, sexy wife' but Charleen nixed that one," quips Adam.

Ever the English teacher, Charleen gets deep about the meaning behind their name:

"It encapsulates two sides of a person or relationship but allows room for both traits even if they seem polarizing . . . we help each other cut the tethers of our practical sides and let our dreams float higher."

But the clever moniker goes beyond just the pair.

"To me, 'practical dreamers' is anyone who has a deep passion for big ideas, and then brings it down to the specifics where it can really have an impact on people's lives," says Adam.

Married five years, the Dunstans, members of Denton Texas Stake's 1st Ward and parents of two, started as hobby bloggers in search of a side hustle.

"I think like a lot of writers we had things we felt like we had to get out of our brains and into the world—things that we were very passionate about," says Adam. "It's why we're both teachers, and it's why we're both writers."

Both Dunstans had wanted to write for a while.

"I had always wanted to blog, and tried unsuccessfully more than once—like a lot of things in my life, it didn't really get off the ground until Charleen became involved," says Adam.

Though the pair generated ideas as they planned their Gospel Doctrine lessons, their blog covers not just faith, but wellness and culture. Between the two of them, the Dunstans realized they had many perspectives to offer: professional perspectives, but also more personal viewpoints.

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Charleen draws upon her experience

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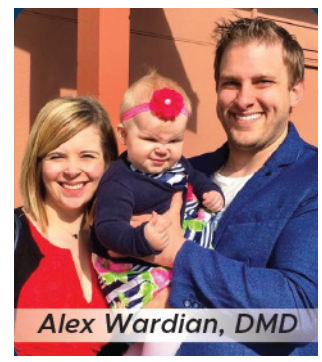

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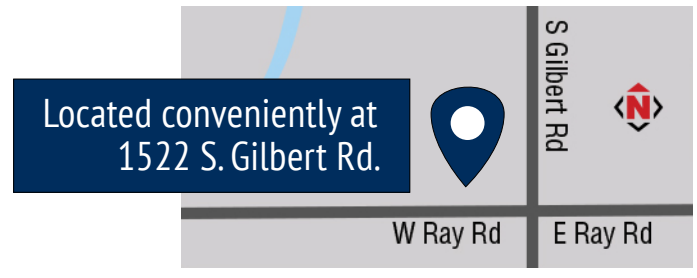

as a survivor of abuse, a mother struggling with depression and anxiety, a participant in the Church's Addiction Recovery Program—and life as a boy mom, too.

"I lean on my personal experiences," she says. "I base my pieces on the grains of what I've experienced then I research to flesh out the overall post."

Adam digs deep into his geek side. "Obsessed with comics since about six," Adam loves to write about entertainment, but almost everything in his life gets channeled through his inner anthropologist.

"On a more serious level, as an anthropologist, culture is my livelihood and my obsession and something I think about every single day," Adam says. "So whenever possible I have that inclination to dig into the original language of the scriptures or the way the scriptures might speak to our social problems today . . . I think that the anthropological side of my life enriches how I approach the scriptures and I hope I bring that to the blog."

The Practical Dreams site boasts an impressive array of topics. From spiritual-themed posts titled "Y U Mad, Angel Gabriel?" to how-tos, like "12 Steps to Loving Yourself," there's something for everyone.

"Other than faith, we also write film reviews, books reviews, self-care, parenting, gender norms, and so on," says Adam. However, the recent focus of their blog has become Come, Follow Me material.

"Heavenly Father had very different plans for us as the majority of our website traffic comes from faith-related topics and Come, Follow Me study guides and resources," says Charleen. Accordingly, the pair decided to develop Come, Follow Me resources almost exclusively as their audience responded favorably to their materials.

Photo courtesy Charleen Dunstan

Adam Dunstan is a professor of anthropology at the University of North Texas.

> "We had no clue whatsoever, in the beginning, that people would respond so favorably to these Sunday School-focused blog posts which has really changed our blog focus so much."

"We fit in a few non-Come, Follow Me posts occasionally now, but our

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What's The Buzz?

I recently taught an Elders Quorum lesson based on President Nelson's April 2019 General Conference Priesthood Session talk entitled "We Can Do Better and Be Better." President Nelson remarked that "when Jesus asks you and me to 'repent,' He is inviting us to change our mind, our knowledge, our spirit - even the way we breath. He is asking us to change the way we love, think, serve, spend our time, treat our [spouses], teach our children, and even care for our bodies."

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Sharing such learned spiritual lessons as we "diligently [move] along the covenant path" assists us on our journey to become more like Christ. I visited with a reader recently who shared with me that she leaves a copy of The Arizona Beehive with her Ministering sisters. While humbled by this marvelous idea, it also motivates me to ensure that The Arizona Beehive remains "member of the Church" sharable, and valuable enough to share amongst the Saints.

This is our commitment to you. Thank you for reading and sharing The Arizona Beehive...

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weekly goal now is primarily focused on Sunday School," she says, noting that the couple feel "called" to do this work.

They offer study helps—in particular, 20 open-ended discussion questions "in line with the doctrine," Adam says.

"We're now part of this rich, beautiful Come, Follow Me blogging community . . . I think we offer some things that I am proud of which, [things] we perhaps do a little differently. For example, in our study helps we try to tie in language insights and cultural context, because they matter, but also connections to general authority talks, to other scriptures, to present-day cultural topics in the Church," says Adam, championing the "holistic approach" he and Charleen take with their study references.

"There might be some humor and even critique pointed at Church culture, but done in a way that's still harmonizing with and being firmly faithful to the gospel," he adds.

The Dunstans continue to try new things and grow from their experiences.

"There are some things we've tried though and just haven't worked out—like the YouTube videos," jokes Adam. "We had like 5 views, and 2 were our mothers. 1 was somebody trying to find 'Happy' by Pharrell."

In the future, Charleen looks toward publication planning on "at a minimum, an electronic book—and if dreams really do happen, [we hope to] get published."

"We would like to expand our following a bit so the traffic is more organic. I'd also personally like to get into more commentary blending anthropology with scripture study, as well as scripture study with present-day social issues," adds Adam.

And their readers are waiting. Their growing audience is primarily from the United States, though the two are getting hits from places they didn't expect, too.

Photo courtesy Charleen Dunstan

Charleen Dunstan draws on her expertise as a teacher, a wife and mother, a Latter-day Saint woman, and a survivor. In addition to blogging, Charleen Dunstan also creates watercolor art.

> "We never imagined that people in Iraq, the Faroe Islands, or Kiribati would be reading our little blog, but they do!" says Charleen.

"Our page views are over 100,000 now and we are so, so happy to be helping people in some small way."

In addition to blogging, Charleen has started an art studio related to the blog called Dreamer Designs. She sells custom watercolors on Etsy at DreamerDesignsGifts.

The two, both of whom have professional and/or parenting day jobs, work on their creative pursuits at night.

"It's very rewarding, but also very exhausting and entirely a labor of love," notes Adam.

"After the kids are in bed, we'll work separately—me, painting or reading, and Adam, working or reading. We're real party animals!" Charleen laughs.

Through it all, the Dunstans lean on a foundation of faith.

"Keeping faith . . . is a matter of time and sincerity. It's also being creative, weaving together my academic studies with my gospel learning with my trials with my self-reflection to approach God with more honesty and humility," says Adam.

"Through this project, I've learned that the doctrine of Christ is still the foundation to faith and a testimony," says Charleen. "I think the purpose of Come, Follow Me is what it says it is: to deepen testimonies of Christ. Full stop. Anything else is just yummy gravy."

For more of the Dunstans' "yummy gravy" and Come, Follow Me resources, you can find them at thepracticaldreamers.org, on Twitter @pracdreamers and @thepracticaldreamers on Instagram and Facebook.

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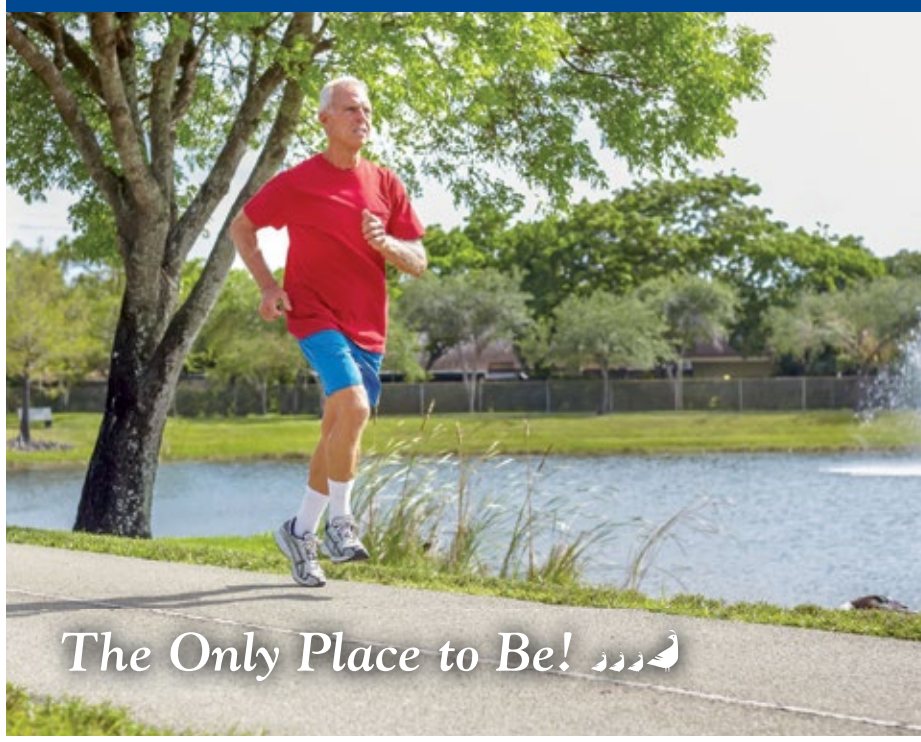

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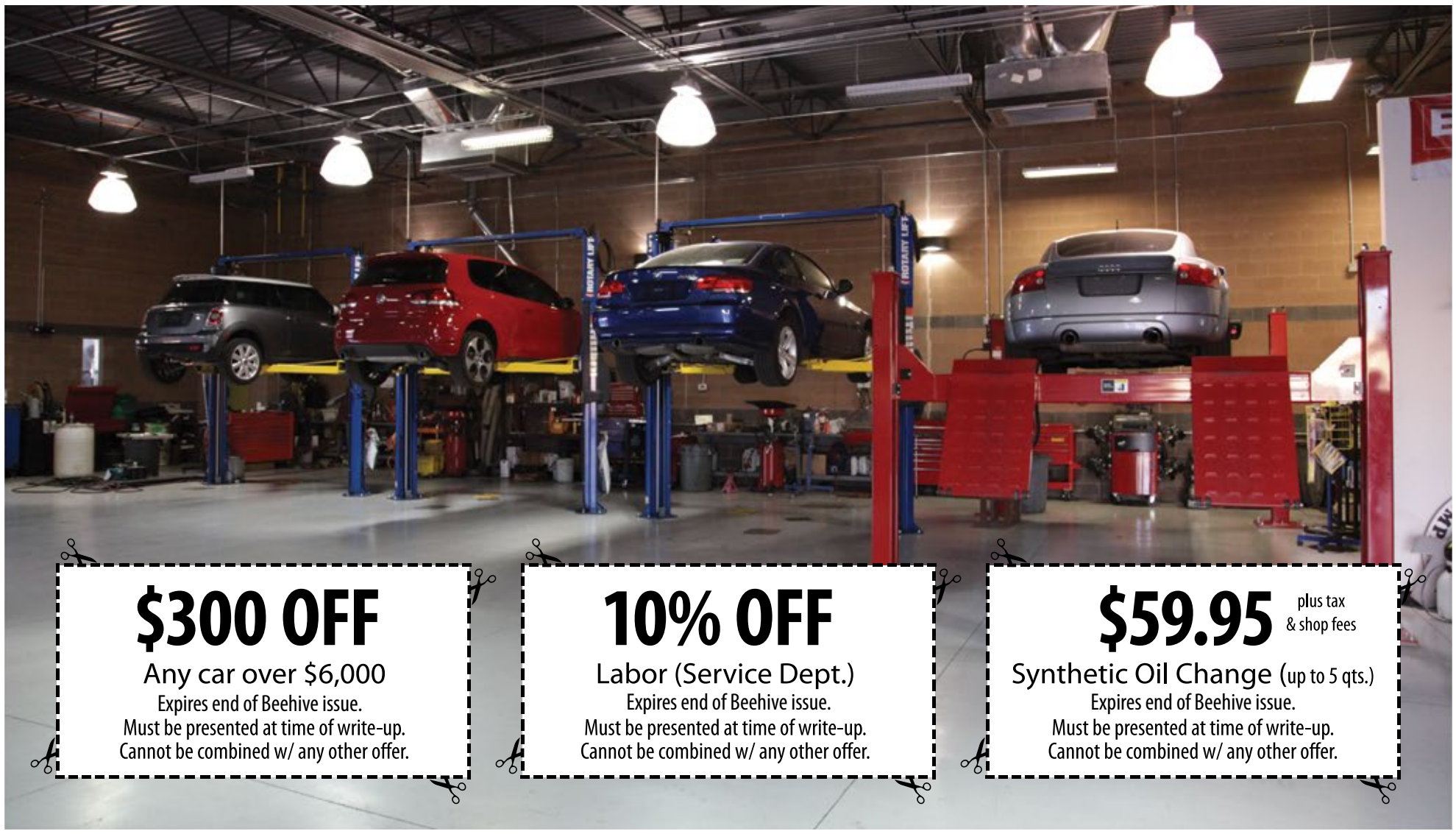

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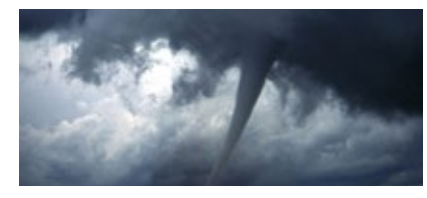

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LOCAL LDS FAMOUS Family Names

The East Phoenix Valley is replete with LDS pioneer heritage. The names of pioneer families adorn our streets, buildings and schools.

We often casually pass by a geographic location without considering the history of the family for which the location was named, or why the family name was used. The inquiring minds of Arizona Beehive readers want to know!

In each issue we now present the history of one "famous" Mormon family name. We hope you enjoy learning about these families, and encourage you to reach out to The Arizona Beehive with ideas for families to feature in the series.

By Emily Jex Boyle

The Stapley Family

World Travelers In The 19th Century

When considering early settlers of Mesa and Lehi communities, we might be inclined to imagine such personalities as those depicted in *American Gothic*. But is that fair when we haven't ventured anywhere in their shoes or ships?

The Stapley name may be familiar; however, details of this family's journey to settle here may be less familiar.

Until 1838, Charles Stapley and his wife, Sarah Bryant, lived in Kent, England, where their families lived for generations. As the economy in England shifted, landowners in Australia petitioned British parliament for help developing land. English Poor Laws assisted families to immigrate. Charles and Sarah decided to go.

The Stapley family made the treacherous three-month sea journey to Australia with their seven children. For more than a decade they worked as farmers north of Sydney.

After fourteen years in Australia, the Stapley family met missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and were baptized. Soon, the Stapleys prepared to gather to Zion. They sailed on the *Julia Ann* with Captain B.F. Ponds to California. Pond later wrote of a peculiar event of this voyage in his autobiography:

Up in the doldrums the vessel drifting in a dead calm, a storm gathered in the horizon of

awful pretensions. It rose gradually, black as night, streak lightning shot occasionally

from the gathering gloom…. It was terribly magnificent. The black cloud was like a wall across the sea from horizon to horizon, preceded by a streak of white foaming water as it was ploughed

up by the rapidly approaching tempest. Yet not a ripple on the glassy sea, where our ship lay lazily rolling from side to side, unconscious of her threatened doom, for not having steerage way there was imminent danger of being struck aback and sent to the bottom of the ocean. But some few cable lengths to windward, the storm parted, clean cut, like the letter v, and passed on each side of us, with an awful roar, and lashing of the tempest tossed ocean….

This was a thrilling experience and sight to be witnessed but once in a lifetime, and never to be forgotten.

Fortunately, the Stapley family completed their final sea voyage, arriving safely to California. There, their adventure continued, including trails that led many of them to Arizona. A year later, while transporting more Zion-bound travelers, the *Julia Ann* sank after smashing into a submerged reef in the Pacific Ocean.

(Information from Shawn Tipson Johnson, "Biography of Charles Stapley, Sr. and Sarah Bryant")

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Thomas Charles Stapley, Sr, a son of Charles Stapley and Sarah Bryant, settled in Mesa with his wife, Mary Ann Bliss, and their children.

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Fall Festival Feeling!

By Allison Beckert

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https://schnepffarms.com/events-calendar/pumpkin-and-chili-party/?v=7516fd43adaa

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#2 Arizona Taco Festival

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https://vertucciofarms.com/fall-festival/

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https://www.downtownmesa.com/trick-or-treat-main-street/

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By Katherine Ogden

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Bravo was copying some papers at Office Max about 15 years ago when he noticed another man having difficulty with one of the machines. He went over to offer his help, and discovered that the man, Farkash, was also in the insurance business. He was even from Chicago and loved the Cubs. It turned out that they had worked for some of the same firms, but somehow never met. After he and Farkash became friends, Farkash began using his services and they later decided to join forces to unite their similar goals.

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Children of Peace

A Celebration of Jewish Ancestry

By Valerie Steimle

Many converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints come from a variety of religious backgrounds. One such religion is Judaism. These converted Jews to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have a special understanding of Jewish culture and even some Jewish history, depending on which sect they were from. Those from either Orthodox, Conservative (not to be confused with the political view) or Reform sects come with different backgrounds and ideals, but the one ideal they have in common is their testimony of the Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Messiah.

These converts are drawn to each other and bound by their testimony of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is why the B'nai Shalom group was born. Those Jewish converts in Salt Lake City came together in 1967 to celebrate both Latter-day Saint and Jewish culture, enjoying the music, dance, culture, food and genealogy specific to Judaism. Since that time a group in the Pacific Northwest area formed in 2014, and now Mesa, Arizona, has formed a group of B'nai Shalom with their fourth meeting planned this September.

Gatherings feature ethnic Jewish/Yiddish food and dance, and speakers which have included LDS Church personalities, scholars and authorities on subjects of interest to both Jewish and LDS members. A common topic is of bringing Joseph (Ephraim) and Judah together.

The last meeting in March of 2019 was the largest gathering yet, with many bringing traditional Jewish foods to share. Traditional Jewish dance took place and a special speaker, Gary Porter, talked about the Mesa Temple remodel. Gary Porter of Porter Brothers, the general contracting firm that built the Phoenix Temple, is now remodeling the Mesa Temple. A slide presentation gave attendees a virtual tour of past, current and proposed changes.

All are welcome who would like to attend the next B'nai Shalom (Children of Peace) meeting on Saturday, September 28, 2019, located at the Mesa Lehi LDS Stake Center on 1430 N Grand in Mesa. The same outline will be followed from previous meetings: 6 PM starts the welcome, opening prayer and potluck dinner. Around 6:30, Jewish cultural dancing starts, which will last about an hour. We will have a special instructor, Liz Graden, from Bountiful, Utah, teaching these traditional dances and then our special speaker will focus on Jewish genealogy. For more information, see http://www.mormonsandjews.org.

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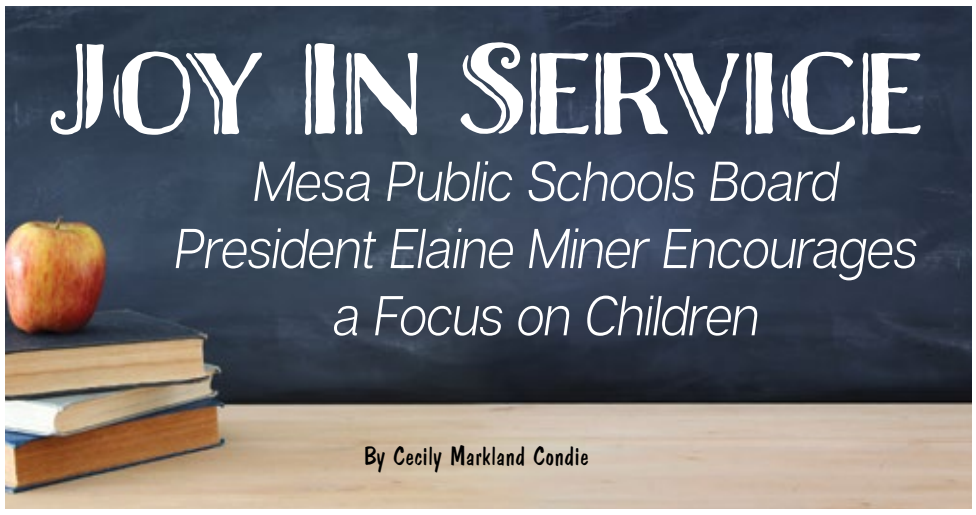

Joy In Service

Mesa Public Schools Board President Elaine Miner Encourages a Focus on Children

By Cecily Markland Condie

Serving on the school board for Arizona's largest school district is a huge responsibility, but it's one Elaine Miner relishes, even after more than 20 years since she was first elected, and one the now-president of the Mesa Public School (MPS) Board would like to see more people enjoy.

"Three board positions will be up for election in 2020," she says. "We need well-meaning, solid members of the community to step up and run."

Elaine Miner was first elected to the MPS board in 1999 and served eight years, two of those as president, took a break for several years, and then began her current term on the board on January 2017. She also served on various advisory groups, committees and boards.

"We always grow from investing," Elaine says. "Whether it's investing money, our gifts or our time, it's always such a great feeling to know you can do something for others."

She says there is really no criteria for serving on the board, other than being honest and having the heart for it.

"It's about wanting to do what's right for children," Elaine says. "Candidates should have an ability to work with others and an eagerness to learn."

She says it also helps to be an effective communicator, as board members serve as a liaison between parents, teachers and administrators for the benefit of children.

Elaine, a Mesa resident since 1986, holds a Bachelor of Home Economics Education degree from Brigham Young University and, with her husband, Don, owned and operated the Arizona School of Real Estate & Business.

Elaine and Don have three sons who graduated from Mountain View High School and nine grandchildren—one in elementary school, one in junior high and one in high school in the Mesa Public Schools this year.

Elaine continues to be recognized as an excellent leader and a competent and effective problem-solver who focuses first on the needs of children.

Still, she says, it's not about accolades or notoriety. "There is a great deal of joy in service, and I always consider it an honor to work with Mesa Public Schools."

She sees more good things for MPS going forward, including additional programs designed to support children's social and emotional needs, such as comfort rooms and therapy dogs on campus, through a program called "Pawsitive Peers."

MPS is already making strong progress towards its goals of 90 percent proficiency in 3rd grade reading, 8th grade math and 11th grade English and a 95 percent graduation rate by 2023.

"This October's vote on the budget increase is very important," Elaine adds. "We want people to be informed about what our budget is and why we need the increase."

"We want to be very transparent," including making community members aware of the "creative ways we have found to save money."

The increase, she says, will be used for attracting and keeping quality teachers, for preparing students for college or the work force and for safer schools.

For more about Mesa Public Schools, including information about attending school board meetings, visit http://www.mpsaz.org. Learn more about school board elections at: www.maricopa.gov/schools.

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MPS Governing Board President, Elaine Miner, with her granddaughter, Avery Miner, a third grader at MPS's Bush Elementary, prepares to participate in the Red Mountain High School homecoming parade last fall.

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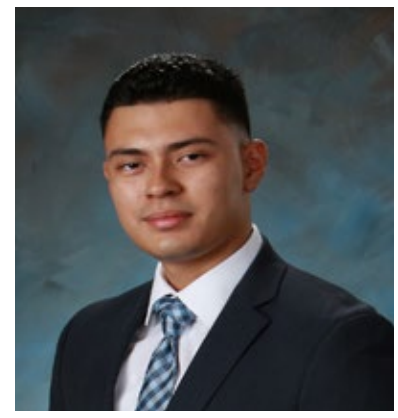

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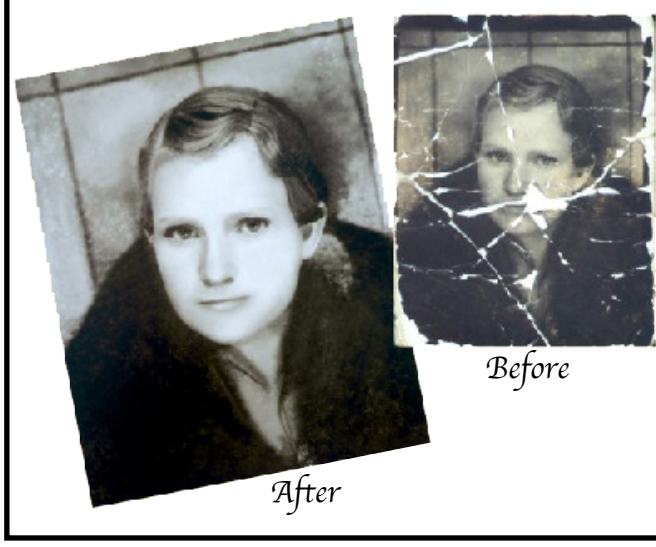

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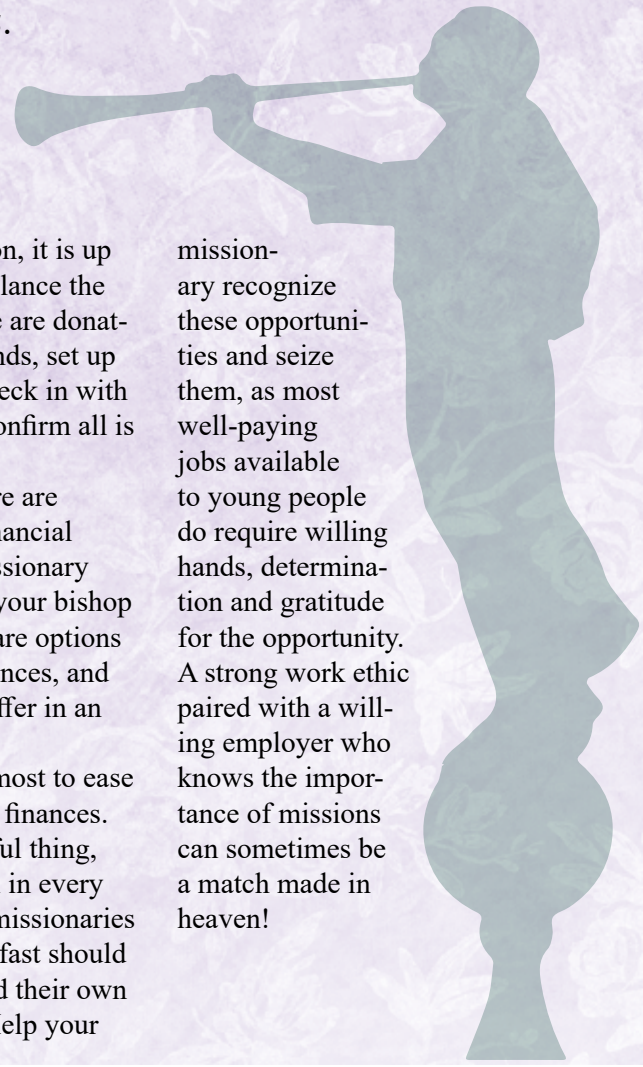
PREP YOUR MISSIONARY

By Allison Beckert

Mission papers sent off? Great! Now what? There are plenty of things you can do to prepare spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially while waiting for that all-important call packet. Check in with us for tips, tricks, and useful resources for preparing missionaries and their families.

Financial Preparation for the Field



When preparing for a mission, cost should be a concern addressed early on. With a plan in place, this daunting task can be a straightforward and faith building experience. Before a missionary report, knowing how the funding system works, and who to talk to when it comes to monthly payments and coordinating donations from extended family or generous friends can be a real relief for families.

When setting savings goals, consider not just the $500 monthly cost. Include in your goal equipping costs for luggage, clothing and supplies. Medical costs should be considered, if insurance does not cover the exams and vaccinations required. Missionaries are also required to furnish their own mobile devices, and while families may find used options to bring down the costs, this is another expense to include in a savings target.

If the costs seem beyond your means, you are not required to manage this situation alone. Family and friends, even perfect strangers, can donate to a specific missionary's expenses online using the church's donation page. All that is required is the unit number where the missionary's records reside. No matter what your arrangements, speak with your bishop openly regarding your financial concerns as part of the preparation interviews. It is part of the ward's responsibility to ensure this aspect of preparation is addressed. This does not mean all the funds must be obtained in advance in every case.

Distribution of funds from your payment to your missionary goes through the ward as well. Monthly payments processed on the ward level are collected by Salt Lake and distributed to the mission offices. If payments are short for whatever reason, it is up to the ward leadership to balance the accounts. If multiple people are donating to your missionary's funds, set up a regular appointment to check in with your ward leadership and confirm all is going well.

Most importantly, if there are changes to your family's financial situation that will affect missionary support, bring this up with your bishop no matter the cause. There are options available in these circumstances, and your missionary will not suffer in an unforeseen emergency!

Preparation will do the most to ease concerns regarding mission finances. Long-term saving is a helpful thing, but not possible or practical in every circumstance. Prospective missionaries looking to bank up savings fast should network with leadership and their own ward and stake members. Help your missionary recognize these opportunities and seize them, as most well-paying jobs available to young people do require willing hands, determination and gratitude for the opportunity. A strong work ethic paired with a willing employer who knows the importance of missions can sometimes be a match made in heaven!

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Cindy R. Williams

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From left to right, Faith St Clair, Cindy R Williams, Adm Bert, Deb Eaton, Melinda Sanchez, ANWA 2018.

ESPIONAGE, ROMANCE AND DREAM WALKING

By Cindy R. Williams

Beehive BOOK REVIEW

When you're a spy with special abilities, you do what you must to save the ones you love. *Tainted Lies*, by Arizona author Leona Nation, catapults readers into a wild adventure of flames, bullets, a covert branch of the CIA, photographic memories, a bantering romance, and the ability to dream into another's reality.

Nation, inspired by her own dreams, says, "I have such vivid and strange dreams where I feel as if I'm literally in someone else's reality. How cool to really go into someone else's reality. I also had plans to write an espionage story, so I decided to combine the two ideas."

Photo by MiKaela Baker

Author Leona Nation

The story begins with Jade Sato, a field agent. She and her unit use their dream/reality abilities to destroy criminal organizations.

"I want to write strong female characters! I was raised by them and think it's important for our youth to read about them," says Nation.

When leaders in Jade's own organization turn up dead, chaos abounds. No one is safe from assassins. Jade must tackle all the twists and turns, putting her own life is in danger. Along her dangerous journey she meets Brooks, someone who should be out of bounds as a friend. Sparks fly, and respect begins to bridge the impossible.

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Nation claims that her favorite line of the book is "The End."

"But really, it's my favorite line in all my books. It means I conquered what at times felt impossible. I overcame obstacles such as self-doubt and fear. I feel on top of the world when I type those two amazing. powerful words."

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Good Companions

Pete's Fish & Chips Celebrates 72 years

By Emily Jex Boyle

Perhaps you've watched the rippling lines stretch out behind your paddle board on an early morning on Saguaro Lake or the Salt River. Or maybe you studied such a trail behind your raft along the mighty Colorado River as it winds through our beautiful state. Whatever you were skippering at the time, imagine your craft's effect on the water, leaving a seemingly endless trail behind you.

Likewise, Peter Grant, Jr., founder of Pete's Fish & Chips, left a legacy of a family owned and operated business for 72 years running. When Grant was killed in 1987 at his Phoenix apartment, his family trimmed the sails and kept on going. He may be gone, but his presence lives on. This spring, Grant's busi-

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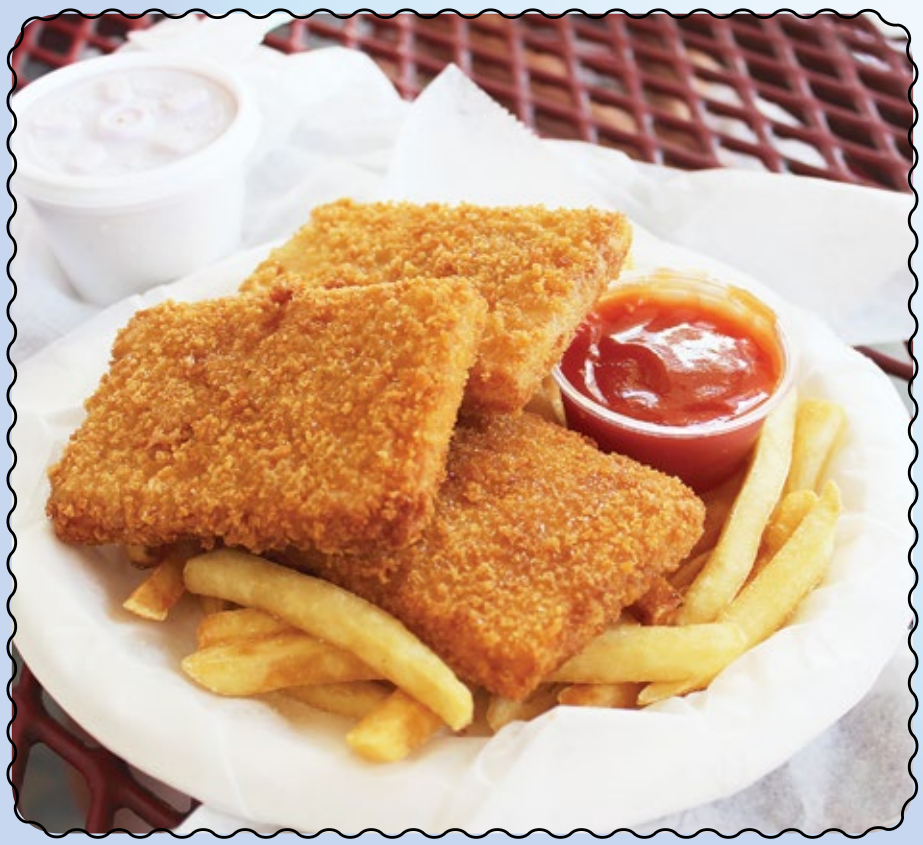

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Arizona's local chippie, Pete's Fish & Chips continues to serve up flaky white fish in crisp golden batter with hot french fries in the Valley. With an award-winning menu, Pete's offers economical, no-nonsense deliciousness.

Photo courtesy of Kathy Adams

Peter Grant, Jr., founder of Pete's Fish & Chips, pictured here in front of his first store in Arizona, left a legacy of a family owned and operated business for 72 years running. This spring, Grant's business matched its life in years to that of its first entrepreneurial captain.

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ness matched its life in years to that of its first entrepreneurial captain. And for this local Valley business, it is ship shape and Bristol fashion.

Sitting at one of their 8 stores you might just hear your neighbor reminiscing about when they ate at Pete's as a kid. After all, Kathy Adams, one of Grant's four daughters, points out, "Pete's is serving fifth-generation customers now."

When the World War II Navy veteran moved with his wife to Arizona from Indiana for health reasons in the late 1940s, Grant poured all the money he had into a dream he'd had since seeing the thriving fish and chip stores during the war in Europe. On the first day he knew the wind was right when he made twelve dollars selling $.35 fish and chips from a little shack. Within the first year, Grant opened three stores. Over the following four decades, he opened more.

Winston Churchill called fish and chips the "good companions." Arizona's local chippie, Pete's Fish & Chips serves up flaky white fish in crisp golden batter with hot french fries in the Valley. With an award-winning menu, Pete's offers economical, no-nonsense deliciousness. Since the first store served its first plate, Kathy explains, "our business motto is to sell three things: price, quality and service."

Aside from fish and chips, customers order Pete's crabette, shrimp or scallop plates—and don't forget their monster burgers and deep-fried burritos. Order anything "messy" and they'll top it with coleslaw.

Pete's Fish & Chips locations are scattered across the Valley. Kathy and Pat run the business with the help of their managers. All locations are closed on Sunday, excepting Phoenix's Van Buren location.

"We are a small business—it's just us and our managers," Kathy explains. Most of the managers are family. If they aren't, they might as well be. Some have worked for Pete's since they were teenagers. One manager at Pete's is a third-generation manager. Kathy's grandchildren are working there: "The roots run deep. One of the reasons we are so successful is, Pete's is a family-run business."

For more delicious information on Pete's Fish & Chips, visit www.petesfishandchips.com

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In a General Conference address several years ago, Elder Quentin L. Cook said, "We finally have the doctrine, the temples, and the technology for families to accomplish [the] glorious work of salvation. Our family history centers are now in our homes."

FamilySearch is a star player in this effort with new interactive experiences available on its website and mobile Family Tree app. With three new, easy-to-use features, our homes can become Family Discovery Centers similar to the one in downtown Salt Lake City.

These features include:

- All About Me—learn what makes your name and birth year special. Find out what your name means, plus find top news stories, the cost of a movie ticket, who won the World Series, the population of the United States, and more about the year you were born.
- Compare-a-face—take a selfie and FamilySearch will scan all your photos on the site to determine which ancestor you look most like.
- Picture My Heritage—once your heritage is established, take a selfie to add your face to an old ethnic photo.

(All found at FamilySearch.org/Discovery and on the app* under Family History Activities.)

Click on "In-home Activities" to find more ways to connect with family—both past and present. Examples include family trivia games, time capsule questions, putting together an All-About-Me box, and much, much more.

These are easy, fun activities for a Family Home Evening, family reunion, or a Sunday afternoon. In his conference talk Elder Cook encouraged what he called "Family Tree Gatherings" where "everyone would bring family histories, stories, and photos, including cherished possessions of grandparents and parents…and [also] determine what ordinances still need to be done and make assignments for the essential temple work."

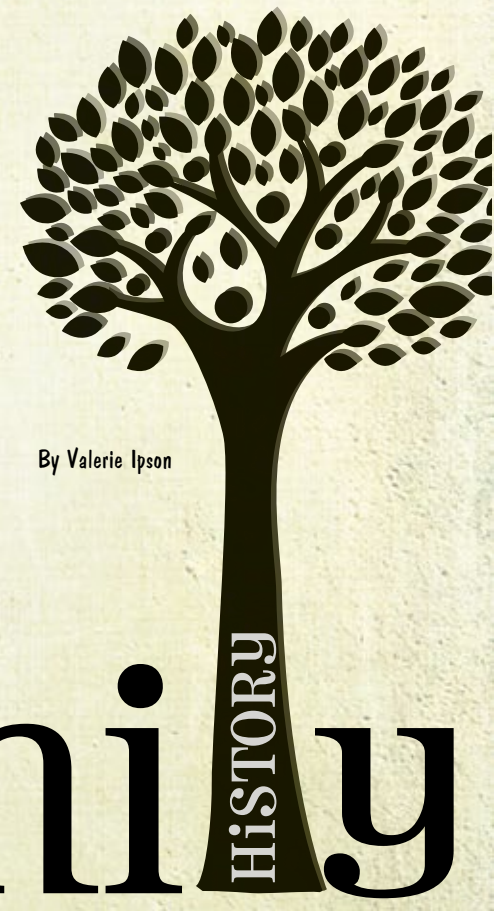
He continued, "Our young people are excited to learn about the lives of family members—where they came from and how they lived. Many have had their hearts turned to the fathers."

In addition to family-friendly discovery experiences, FamilySearch addresses the topic of DNA through the launch of a new webpage. DNA technology has irreversibly affected family history research, and for some whose eyes glaze over at the mention of family history, receiving their own test results can be the key to getting hooked on finding their roots.

On the page users can discover the value of DNA testing, peruse available options, and find tips for how to use data once it's received. The site also defines terminology and answers common questions about DNA. Access this resource at https://www.familysearch.org/home/dna-testing

*Over 90% of FamilySearch Family Tree's online functionality can now be done on the app

Link to Elder Cook's talk: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2014/04/roots-and-branches?lang=eng



By Valerie Ipson

Family

COOKING with the BEEHIVE

By Rachael Fuller

Get Ready for Pie Season!

School has begun, leaves have started to change, and the temperature is dropping into the 90's. Fall is here! With fall comes a new baking season and time to start prepping for my favorite desserts. I am a sucker for cherries. As soon as I see them in the summer I start collecting and eating—no cherry is beneath my notice. I found cherries in Arizona, in Utah, in Wyoming, in Montana and in California. I even had my sister-in-law bring me Rainier cherries from Washington!

I ate them by the bagful. Soon however, I had to do something besides just eating the cherries, so I started to experiment. I made pies, I made turnovers, I made pop-tarts. Out of all the experimenting I made this delicious filling, which I will definitely make again. My husband, who doesn't even like cherry pie, declared this filling his favorite—he liked it even better than his old favorite, his mom's crumbly top apple pie. Again, this is a very versatile filling: use it in pies, in danishes, as an ice cream topping, or just eat it by the spoonful if you like.

Enjoy!

Cherry Filling

Recipe courtesy of Thomas Keller
– Ad Hoc at Home

Ingredients:

- 2 tbs corn starch
- 2 tbs water
- 7 cups sweet cherries, pitted *(fresh is best but frozen can be used)*
- ¾ – 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbs vanilla extract
- Cinnamon to taste
- Almond extract to taste

Directions:

1. Combine cornstarch and water in bowl to form a slurry.
2. Take 2 cups of cherries and place in blender and puree.
3. Combine puree and sugar (¾ cup sugar if cherries are sweet, 1 cup sugar if more tart) in medium sauce pan.
4. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
5. Stir often to prevent burning.
6. Reduce heat to medium-low and. while stirring. add slurry.
7. Bring to a boil and cook until mixture becomes translucent.
8. Add vanilla and allow mixture to cool.
9. Combine remaining cherries and puree and use ready-to-fill pie crusts or puff pastry.
10. Cook pie or pastry as directed.

Delicious cherry turnovers **Photo by Rachael Fuller**

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—Doug Anderson, Queen Creek

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—Keith & Lora Loomis, Maricopa

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—James Ellis, Surprise

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2017 VW Jetta: **22,000 miles, $11,600**

Mike and Nancy with all their grandkids!

YOUR PROBLEM SOLVER

Mike Hallewell doesn't consider himself the middle man for car buyers, but more like the problem solver.

Unsatisfied with the used car buying experience over 20 years ago, Hallewell developed a business to avoid "marked up dealership" prices, and "no-guarantee" classified ads when looking for a car for not only himself, but for thousands of others!

For the past 20+ years, Mike has successfully been leapfrogging the pricey showrooms by going straight to the same source of the local auto dealers, the weekly "auto dealer only" automobile auctions.

Through his business, MikesAutoShack.com, he is able to offer customers the vehicles they want for THOUSANDS below retail, or Blue Book.

Every week about 3,000 vehicles are auctioned off at the auto dealer only automobile auction. Hundreds of local automobile dealers have been attending these same auctions for dozens of years. This is where they acquire much of their inventory.

Soon after the weekly auction many of these vehicles are in lush dealership showrooms all over the western part of the United States with price tags marked up by sometimes thousands and thousands of dollars more than the winning bid at the auction.

Hallewell gets the same cars at the auction, but instead of up charging his customers thousands and thousands of dollars, he charges a flat fee of $1,028.25. (Some luxury vehicles will include a higher fee.)

The process has worked so well that the CEO's of all three former LDS credit unions in the Las Vegas valley, Cumorah Credit Union, Ensign Credit Union and Kolob Credit Union all publicly endorsed Hallewell's business. They each had done business with Mike personally, as had hundreds of their credit union members.

"I've found that many potential customers are afraid of buying a car from an auction," Hallewell said. "They think it means the car is trouble, and automatically has problems if it is sold at an auction. What they don't realize is that the auction sells between 2,000 and 3,000 vehicles every week, and is the exact same place all the previously owned car dealers go to and buy their cars to put on their lots, then mark them up thousands of dollars."

Potential customers contact Hallewell and tell him what make, model, price range and features the are looking for. Mike informs customers of which cars in that week's auction meet their requirements. From the auction he calls to report on the condition of each car, sending as many pictures to the potential customer as they want. He then tells them what that like, kind and quality of vehicle has sold for over the past 30 days. Together Mike and the customer will formulate what a realistic price is they can expect to pay for the vehicle that week.

With over 20 years of experience and THOUSANDS of cars already purchased, Hallewell knows what a good deal is for his customers.

What makes the deal safer than anything found on Craig's List or in the classified is that he sells many of the vehicles with a FULL FACTORY WARRANTY at no additional cost to the customer. In addition, an extended warranty is offered if desired.

Hallewell isn't the traditional car salesman, but paying thousands less for a car isn't traditional either!!!

"It's a simple process" Hallewell said. "All you have to do is go to the web site: "MikesAutoShack.com" and register. It's free, and fast (less than one minute) You have nothing to lose and potentially thousands of dollars to save on the next purchase of your previously owned automobile. MikesAutoShack.com.

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Estate Planning:

Being Prepared For Hardships Ahead

The Church continually warns members about the difficulties that lie before us and the importance of being prepared for whatever the future may hold. This is the essence of self-reliance—taking the initiative to prepare now in order to avoid pitfalls in the future. The goal of estate planning is to transfer the most assets as quickly and as stress free as possible to your loved ones. Upon your passing, the last thing your children need to worry about is being tied up in lengthy court proceedings while having to pay attorneys thousands of dollars out of the estate. While estate planning can be somewhat complex, the basis of estate planning can be summarized into two main categories: Wills and Living Trusts.

WILLS

The most basic (and necessary) estate plan is a simple Will. Essentially, the Will designates who the personal representative will be as well as how the property will be distributed. The Will can also designate a guardian for any minor children. In the Will, you can even designate who will inherit specific items of personal property. Everyone, no matter the size of the estate, should at least have a simple Will.

If there is property that will go to minors (perhaps your children or grandchildren), you can create a Will that includes a testamentary Trust. A testamentary Trust is a Trust that comes into existence once you pass. Anything that is in your estate that is going to any minor children can be held in Trust for their use when they reach a specific age (which you can designate). If a Trust is not created, then the personal representative may be required to petition the court to appoint a "conservator" for the benefit of the minor child. In order to avoid the need to go to court, a Trust can be set up in the Will in the form of a testamentary Trust.

LIVING TRUSTS

The best option for most estates is a living revocable Trust. In Arizona, if someone has at least $100,000 of equity in their property or they own at least $75,000 of personal property (furniture, cars, jewelry, etc.), the estate must go through a lengthy and costly court procedure known as probate. In order to avoid probate, you must remove the property from your estate and place it in the Trust. Doing so will ensure that the estate does not reach these threshold amounts that require probate.

Most people believe that living Trusts are only for the wealthy who have substantial assets or complicated estates. Under current Arizona laws, a Trust would likely be beneficial for anyone who owns a house, multiple vehicles, property in other states, or has young children or grandchildren. A living Trust accomplishes the same goals of the testamentary Trust discussed above, but with the added benefit of avoiding the expense and inconvenience of probate.

It is understandable that many people avoid the topic of estate planning because the thought of preparing for their passing is difficult. At our firm, we have unfortunately seen the effects of waiting too long to set up an estate and the family then having to pay thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees and court costs to navigate through probate. Your self-reliance and preparation now will have a major impact on the well-being of your children and grandchildren in the future.

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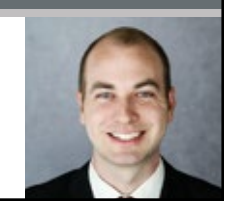

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Fall Feasting

Adding Color to Your Fall Meals!

By Heather Kidder

It is time to work vegetables into dinner! Thankfully, the fall season brings unending recipes involving vegetables that are typically ignored throughout other seasons. Things have cooled down, and although it may not look like fall in the Valley, the festive aura can be felt in the kitchen. This is a great opportunity for finding ways to work in hidden vegetables that can be masked by a big, bold flavor. If you can dice, mince, or use a food processor, some of the normally distasteful vegetables blend right in.

Photo by Jakub Kapusnak

Gather your stash of Squashes for cooking and decorating.

Crockpot Chili

This recipe for pumpkin chili is a great way to celebrate fall. Choose your ground meat (shredded or chopped chicken should also work). Make sure that the meat has been browned or that the chicken is cooked through. Combine one pound of meat with the ingredients below. Cook on low for three hours.

- 1 onion, minced
- 15 oz. canned diced tomatoes
- 15 oz. canned pumpkin puree
- 15 oz. canned chili beans
- 15 oz. canned black beans
- 3 tbs. brown sugar
- 1 tbs. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 ½ tbs. chili powder

Squash Alfredo Pasta

This recipe calls for bacon, but chicken should work as well. In a large pan, sauté the onion in the butter. Add the garlic, squash, chicken stock, and seasonings once the onion has cooked for a few minutes. Cover this mixture, and cook it until the squash is tender. Pour this mixture, along with the milk, into a food processor or blender to finalize the sauce. Cook the pasta and bacon as desired and enjoy!

- 4-5 strips of bacon
- 2 tbs. butter
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 clove of garlic
- 3 cups of cubed butternut squash
- 1 cup of chicken stock
- 1 cup milk
- 2 lbs of pasta
- Seasonings: 1 tbs. diced sage, 1 tbs. diced thyme, and salt to taste.

Photo by Jakub Kapusnak

Fall vegetables add color to bland meals.

Biscuit Chicken Potpie

This fall classic is a veggie-packed recipe for those who dislike the pumpkin trend. The biscuits will be precooked for half the time on their own, and the chicken should be cooked all the way before adding it in. Before the assembly begins, preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Melt butter in a sauce pan, and add your choice of vegetables. Salt and pepper to taste. Cook until vegetables are soft. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup, and cooked chicken. You will need a baking dish (13x9), and it needs to be buttered before you add anything into it. Pour in the filling, and line the partially cooked biscuits along the top. It should take about 10-15 minutes for those biscuits to get golden brown and your pie to be ready to eat!

- 8 biscuits
- 2 tbs. butter
- 1 package of frozen vegetables (carrots, peas, corn, green beans)
- 2 chicken breasts (cooked and shredded or chopped)
- 1 large can of cream of chicken soup
- Salt and pepper to taste

F•H•E Corner

Utilizing The Divine Gift Of Written Language

By Robin Finlinson

The Lord Jesus Christ has not only given us His own words to read in Holy Scripture, but has shared with us the ability to write!

Renowned scientist Galileo Galilei marveled at mankind's "stupendous invention" of being able to write one's thoughts, remarking, "And with no greater difficulty than the various arrangement of two dozen little signs upon paper?"

Church scholar Hugh Nibley said of writing, "By its operation we know not only what men saw and heard and did and said three and four thousand years ago, but actually what they also thought and felt. The most delicate nuances and fleeting impulses of the mind have outlasted the enormous Cyclopean foundations of world-ruling cities, and where twenty-ton blocks may have vanished without a trace, the dreams, hopes, and surmises of the fragile people who lived among them remain as fresh and clear as ever…."

Family Home Evening is an excellent time to get your family writing! Here are ideas. You can have all family members create their own written work or one together.

Capture Random Memories

For those who think you have nothing interesting to say or that the only way to journal is to recall the formation of your clan and chronologically document every major event since then, this might help. Start a "Random Thoughts and Memories" book or file folder. In that book, on the computer or even scrap paper, jot down epiphanies, experiences that anchor your faith in the Savior, how many times your family has ridden your favorite rollercoaster—*anything* you want to record. Regard these writings as a rough draft and allow yourself to cross out words you've penned. Maybe someday you'll pull out an excerpt, spruce it up and show it to strangers!—or maybe you won't. Either way, at least you'll have it.

One compilation of random writings my family keeps is a "Kid Quote" file. We love to read hilarious things my children say years afterward and giggle together.

Photo by Robin Finlinson

Take away the stress of trying to document your whole life chronologically by creating a book or file folder of "Random Thoughts and Memories."

Photo by Robin Finlinson

Example of art journaling by the Finlinson family.

Enjoy Art Journaling

For those who like hands-on projects or get overwhelmed by the task of constructing complete sentences on blank pages, try this popular method of expression. Employ artistry such as painting or drawing and add whatever single words or phrases are meaningful to you. Words can stand alone, but they don't have to!

Use Technology

Computers provide a quick, non-messy way to organize and express thoughts. Share e-mailed memories with faraway family members and keep them on file.

Save What You Already Have

Put church talks, school writings, made-up stories, etc., in binders with sheet protectors. Easy!

Go Public

General Authorities occasionally encourage Church members to write publicly in support of wholesomeness—in blogs or letters to editors, for example—or to email people with power to shape the culture. If we don't, producers and editors of all media types, education administrators, etc., may assume we're content with what they broadcast, print and choose for curriculum. Some who read our concerns might take heed, especially if written sincerely by children or teens. Be an example of civility when writing.

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A Higher Revelation

The Pay it Forward Band: Musicians On A Mission Coming To Arizona

By Hillary Jade Fevrier

Classical composer Ludwig Von Beethoven said, "Music is…a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy." Music has a huge impact on emotions, thoughts and even relationships. Music brings people together. It unites us. It inspires us. It touches us. Regardless of age, ethnicity or gender, everyone in the world feels the power of inspiring music.

The Pay it Forward Band recognizes this powerful force and has accepted a very important mission—to bring the best entertainment to some of the people in this world who need and deserve it the most. The band performs exclusively at nursing homes and the band members place a heavy emphasis on the music that appeals to the patrons. From Frank Sinatra to Judy Garland to Hank Williams, Sr., the Pay it Forward Band delivers music from one of the best musical eras in history.

The Pay it Forward Band is not just a traveling performance group. Director Gary Gamponia looks exclusively for professional or very skilled amateur musicians who are looking for a way to give back to their community and accept the mission of the charity. Not only does the Pay it Forward Band deliver unforgettable musical performances, they invite nursing homes to raise the bar on the quality of the entertainers that perform there.

While the band has seen immense success starting at its epicenter in Los Angeles and reaching hundreds of miles, the band has not formed any official group in Arizona yet. Gamponia is searching for qualified musicians who will ignite the fire and spread the gospel of the Pay it Forward Band. If you are interested in being part of the movement, please visit http://thepayitforwardband.com/ or https://www.justserve.org/projects/d8692648-d625-4082-bd57-3625dd100171. You can also reach the band at 213-388-8500.

If you are among the many people who would like to get involved with the Pay it Forward Band but lack the musical skills to participate, don't fret! The band offers a secondary program called The Traveling Troubadours. The Troubadours make one-on-one visits to nursing home patrons in their own rooms. Many of the patrons are unable to leave their rooms to attend the official performances due to physical limitation or illness. The Troubadours bring joy in a more intimate setting and they are an indispensable part of the organization.

Music is a force unlike any other, and the Pay it Forward Band wants to bring its uplifting influence to people who really need it—and they want to do it here in our Valley. The band's mission doesn't stop with their amazing musical performances. They ask nursing homes to "pay it forward" and improve the entertainment made available for patrons. Many people in nursing homes feel hopeless, trapped and discouraged. They have few or no expectations for the future, nothing to look forward to. The Pay it Forward Band wants to change that. They offer more than just entertainment; they offer their time, their talents and their hearts by sharing the gift of music.

Photo courtesy of The Pay It Forward Band

The Pay it Forward Band brings new life to holiday music.

Photo courtesy of The Pay It Forward Band

Nursing home patrons enjoying the Pay it Forward Band's performance.

VALLEY TEMPLE SCHEDULES

Temples Now Allow Cell Phones in Temple Office to Print Family Ordinance Requests

A new Church policy now allows patrons to use cell phones and other electronic devices in the temple office for printing Family Ordinance Requests and family name cards.

Otherwise, cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off and placed in a locker while workers and patrons are in the temple.

This information was conveyed to stake and ward leaders in the notice "Temple Policy Adjustments," dated March 1, 2019.

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2018 Temple Closures

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - Thursday, December 31, 2020

Gilbert Arizona Temple

3301 S. Greenfield Rd, Gilbert, AZ, 85297
(480) 822-5000

The Gilbert Arizona Temple grounds will now be open Sunday and Monday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for individuals and families to experience the peace and holiness of the temple and to teach their children, grandchildren, and friends about the blessings of the temple. This opportunity will begin immediately and will be in addition to the availability of the temple grounds daily Tuesdays through Saturdays (except closures published on lds.org).

Services

Clothing rental now available, no cafeteria, no patron housing available
Distribution center: Inside nearby Deseret Book Store: 2894 S. San Tan Village Pkwy #103, Gilbert

Endowment Sessions

Tuesday - Saturday: Every 45 min from 5:30am – 7pm
Last daily session at 7:30pm
Spanish Sessions: Tuesday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 8:30am
ASL Session: 3rd Saturday of the month, 11:30am

2019 Temple Closures

Monday, September 30 - Monday, October 14
Wednesday, November 27 - Thursday, November 28
Tuesday, December 24 - Wednesday, December 25
Tuesday, December 31

Phoenix Arizona Temple

5220 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, AZ 85310
(623) 474-9500

Services

No clothing rental, no cafeteria, no patron housing available. No distribution center nearby

Endowment Sessions

Tuesday & Thursday a.m.: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Tuesday & Thursday p.m.: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30

Wednesday a.m.: 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Wednesday p.m.: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30

Friday a.m.: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30
Friday p.m.: 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30

Saturday a.m.: 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Saturday p.m.: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Spanish Sessions: Tuesday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 7:30am
ASL Session: 2nd Saturday of the month, 12:00 noon

2019 Temple Closures

Saturday, October 5
Wednesday, November 27 (Limited Hours)
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